"The South 40" by JAMES A. SMITH EXTENSION AGENT

It's seeding time -- time to seed pastures, lawns, alfalfa, oats, barley, Austrian Winter Peas. Of your acreage consists of just a garden, why not seed a cover crop of Crimson Clover. It's ideal for the garden.

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Winter squash need to be harvested, wiped off, then with a damp cloth dipped in a weak solution of Captan wipe to control fungus materials that may start mold or other decay.

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Keith Harris, Stuart Farrar and Lyle Moore have cattle consigned to the September 14 Yearling Sale.

One thought about selling cattle. Anybody can sell cattle when prices are fairly high -- like now. But not everybody knows how or goes to the trouble to merchandise their cattle. The difference between selling and merchandizing is profits and that is what most people should be about.

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Appomattox County farmers will grow about 700 acres of barley each year.

There are several barley varieties that are recommended. The newest is Maury. In tests it has out yeilded Jefferson. Compared to Rapidan barley, Maury has had a slightly higher yield with better disease resistance and improved and standability. Maury matures about a week later than Rapidan.

For the 3-year period '76-'78 Maury averaged 71 bushels, Jefferson 58, and Rapidan 62. Transfer this to dollars for Appomattox farmers, comparing Maury to Rapidan a difference of 9 bushels. If barley is worth $2, that's $18 an acre times 700 acres and equals $12,600 additional income available to Appomattox growers this year.

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About eight years ago a new variety of Orchard grass was released in Virginia called Jackson. Seed have been a bit difficult to come by. This variety matures later than regular varieties and is more ideal when growing in combination with alfalfa or red clover.

I see that this variety is available from the Foundation Seed Farm at 90c per pound. Some growers may like to get it started with a small acreage on their farm.

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Remember the past two winters? Cold weather hampered many operations on farms, including soil sampling. Did you guess on your crop's fertilizer and lime needs? This could be costly with today's slim profit margin. Don't guess -- don't gamble -- don't hesitate -- sample now!

Here are the benefits: Insures that next year's fertilizer needs will be accurately determined. Allow ample time to plan a fertilization program. Allows enough time for lime to react with the soil. Reduces soil compaction.

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PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	.09
This Month	1.08
This Year	33.09

To Participate In "Little Miss Tiny Brookneal"

Miss Rhonda Michelle Barksdale of Phenix, is participating in "Little Miss Tiny Brookneal Pageant" September 17 in Brookneal, Va.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Barksdale, of Phenix, Va.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Tolbert of Pamplin and Mr. and Mrs. John L. Barksdale, of Phenix.

Her sponsor is Dan L. Tolbert "Antique and Auction" Shop of Pamplin.

Sr. FHA Meets

The Appomattox Senior Chapter Future Homemakers of America decided to present the program of the year in the form of a play for the September meeting.

The play consisted of four club officers, Penny Elliott, Mary Katherine Simpson, Susan Parris, and Arylece Ferguson, who represented the younger sisters of four F.H.A. members and they discussed what their older sisters had told them was planned for the coming year in F.H.A.\.

The play was humorous and enjoyed by all.

Penny Elliott, Jane Guill and Susan Parris led some relaxers and the meeting was then adjourned by president, Cheryl Elliott.

Robin Bollinger, Reporter

Fall Soil Sampling--Why?

Soil testing is an important first step in a good crop fertilization and liming program. Most farmers that utilize this time-tested agronomic tool usually sample their soil in the late winter to early spring (January through March). However, there are several advantages to sampling in the fall which should be carefully considered in determing the best time to sample.

Perhaps the most important advantage is that the soil is dryer and the weather is more ideal for sampling in the fall than in the spring. One needs only to look back at the past two springs to confirm this. The colder than normal (and, in some cases, wetter than normal) soils produced a situation where one was unable to sample even if he wanted to because of frozen ground. Many farmers were left guessing as to their crop's fertilizer and lime needs which could be an expensive proposition if crop yields suffer or if excess unneeded fertilizer is applied. Fall sampling will eliminate this problem.

Another advantage to fall sampling is that it allows more time to plan a good fertilization and liming program. Spring is a hectic time of year on most farms and one is usually rushed in sampling, calculating fertilizer and lime needs for various fields, ordering the materials, and having them spread on time to avoid costly delays in planting. Sampling in the fall not only eliminates this chore for the spring but gives one the opportunity to apply his lime and part of his fertilizer (phosphate and potash) several months ahead of his busy planting season. Fall lime and fertilizer application itself offers additional benefits. Lime when fall applied, has several months to react with the soil and correct soil acidity before the spring crops are planted. Also, compaction from spreader trucks in significantly reduced because soils are dryer and firmer.

The advantages to fall sampling are significant. Take the time to sample now ar profit from it next spring!

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TOWN OF PAMPLIN

PAMPLIN, VIRGINIA 23958

PROPOSED BUDGET

July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979

Administration	$ 3,500.00
Garbage, Street, Cemetery Maintenance	5,970.00
Social Security	1,100.00
Federal Income Tax	550.00
State Tax	150.00
Truck Expense	1,000.00
Electricity	1,100.00
Virginia Municipal League	100.00
Utilities	350.00
Town Tags	65.00
Council-Mayor Compensation	675.00
Insurance	525.00
Postage	75.00
Advertising	65.00
Rent, Office Supplies & Lock Box	125.00
Repairs	35.00
Donation to Fire Department	500.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
New Truck	6,500.00
Revising Charter	500.00
TOTAL	$23,285.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD July 1, 1977 ..... $13,805.73

RECEIPTS

Sales Tax Refunds	2,199.83
Property Tax	2,330.14
Town Automobile Tags	1,371.00
Va. Employment Commission	6,888.49
A.B.C. Profits	1,552.23
Corporation Tax	1,521.09
First National Bank Stock Tax	2,990.01
Anti-Recession Funds	1,094.00
Pamplin Exxon-Garbage Pick-up	288.00
Merchant's License	462.34
Reimbursements: School Electricity	480.90
Electoral Board	108.21
Community Center Electricity	64.00
Individual Lights	96.00
Overcharge on Bills	9.50
Cemetery Lots	990.00
Rolling Stock	12.98
Gas Tax Refund	60.75
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$23,377.49
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCE	$37,183.42

DISBURSEMENTS

CETA Title VI	5,447.13
Town Salary	2,161.43
Federal Withholding Tax	498.55
Social Security	987.00
State Tax	135.87
Truck Expense	942.95
Electricity: School	531.40
Town	1,003.91
Community Center	119.00
Virginia Municipal League Dues	100.00
Utilities	243.43
Town Tags	53.97
Council-Mayor Compensation	288.65
Insurance	412.00
Postage	62.18
Advertising	54.16
Rent, Office Supplies & Lock Box	26.00
Repairs	16.26
Election Expenses	234.21
Cement for Road 1101	3,228.25
Miscellaneous	661.65
Mobile Home Tax Returned to Commonwealth	90.00
Transfer to Anti-Recession Fund Account	1,199.00
Transfer 4 Yr. Cemetery Certificate	1,130.00
Partial Certificate - 1977	2,660.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$22,279.19
BALANCE ON HAND June 30, 1978	14,904.23
	$37,183.42

Joyce O. Baldwin, Clerk

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Bus Transportation Schedule During The Railroad Festival

During the Sixth Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, September 24 and 24, transportation and admittance to the Appomattox Courthouse Historical National Park will be free of charge as are other festival activities. Thanks should be giv to the Appomattox ..unty School Board and ..ne Appomattox Courthouse Historic National Park for their involvement and cooperation.

Shuttle buses will provide transportation to and from the Park both days of the weekend. A bus will leave the downtown area every half hour beginning at 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Return buses will leave the park every half hour until 4:00 p.m.

Shuttle buses will also provide transportation to and from the parking area at Appomattox County High School. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday a.m. leaving ACHS at 9:00, 9:15, 9:30, 9:45

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P. M. leaving downtown at 12:30, 1:00, 4:00, 4:15, 4:30, 5:00, 5:15

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Sunday P. M. leaving ACHS at 12:30 leaving ACHS at 12:30, 12:45, 1:00, 1:15

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leaving downtown at 3:00, 3:15, 3:30, 3:45, 4:00

Legion Meetings To Begin Tuesday

The American Legion Post 104 will once again begin their weekly meetings beginning at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday evening.

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THEN and NOW!

By Frances H. Paulette

photo by Robert Pankey

Even though she isn't the "Granny" of my story, Mrs. Drex Kepler (Minerva) of Appomattox is a grandmother and a very busy woman.

Among her many interests is growing herbs of all kinds. She is shown here as she completes a display on herbs at the Appomattox County Library. All those beautiful seasonal displays at the library - - Minerva planned and created them. By the way, Minerva, do you have any 'cures'?

Feeling "Kinda Poorly"?

The waiting room was crowded; there was little, if any, seating space left even though the room was large by the usual standards.

Charlie didn't mind the crowd except what it meant in terms of his own personal inconvenience. Even though the medical center was well-staffed with several competent doctors, it was clear that his visit meant a long wait.

Since Charlie's visits to a doctor were, so far, few and far between, he was not too adpet at 'playing the waiting game. Glancing around and finding all of the current reading material in use, he leaned back, closed his eyes and tried to relax.

As Charlie sat there, waiting his turn to see a doctor, he began to wonder just how much of his valuable time and money too would be involved in this visit. He began to think of his late grandmother, bless her heart, she didn't waste money or time on doctors, not for everyday ailments anyhow. Now what was it she said they used to do - - -

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Granny had just finished the morning chore of churning; the wooden 'up-and-down' churn still sat in the kitchen floor; she hadn't had time to "take-up" the butter when there was a knock at the kitchen door.

Butter paddle in hand, she hurried across the bare scrubbed boards of the kitchen floor, noticing as she went what an excellent job the white creek sand and corn husk mop had done. The floor was spotless. She opened the door with a smile.

"Well, well," said Granny, "If it isn't Silas. Now what in the world brings you across the hill so early in the morning? I hope nobody's ailing."

"Morning Matilda," said Silas, as he entered the kitchen. "It's the baby. He kept us up all night with the earache. We tried sweet oil and it didn't work. Emmy said if she just had a little dab of fresh, warm milk to put in his ear it would do the trick. Our cow has gone dry and we want to borrow a little if you can spare it."

"Spare it?" replied Matilda. "You know better than to ask such a question. But you know, I know another remedy just as good. Take a piece of salt pork, I know you have plenty of that, cut it in a little strip and put it in his ear; he'll get easy in no time flat!"

"Well," said Silas, shifting his chew of tobacco from one side of his mouth to the other, "If you don't mind, I'll just take the milk."

Closing the door behind Silas, Granny resumed her chores; she really wanted to get through early. There was a visit she wanted to make in the afternoon.

Speaking of visiting, Granny realized she should have done something about the corn on her little toe, blasted little thing! It was giving her a fit.

"I'll just have to remember tonight to stick that little toe in a lemon and leave the lemon on overnight, then that devilish little corn will come right off. Course if it's too bad, the treatment might have to be repeated a couple of times, but it will always work."

As Granny went about her chores she was thinking of all the remedies she had used. She had to laugh, remembering the time Grandpa soaked his frost-bitten toes in kerosene oil and then dozed off to close the fireplace. It was a good thing she happened in just in the nick of time!

Of all of the remedies she had experience,d Granny remembered one common "cleaning out" that her mother gave all the children every spring. She didn't use anything harsh as so many people made the practice of doing. Maybe not harsh, but it was sickening - - - - Granny remembered!

To give the stomach a good 'cleaning out', simply drink lukewarm water until you couldn't drink any more. Just drink until you were full and running over and your stomach would empty itself without any difficulty! Follow the 'cleaning out' with a dose of bicarbonate of soda in water and lie down for a rest.

Granny remembered with a laugh the visits from her brother, Ezra. He always managed to feel 'poorly' when he came to vist. The reason for his decline in health was the fact that he knew his sister had some of the best moonshine whiskey to be found anywhere, for medicinal purposes only, of course!

One of the teas they call bitters is called a "cure-all" for feeling 'poorly'. It is made with whiskey and ratsbane, bloodroot, ginseng, honey, pokeberry plus wild cherry, slippery elm bark and maybe sassafras.

The thing about Ezra, he was so thoughtful, didn't want to put Granny to any trouble.

"Never mind, Matilda, if you don't have any of the 'cure-all' tea made up, just give me a shot of the whiskey, I'll try to make do with that!"

Granny remembered too, the time one of the neighbor's children was all choked up with a cold and cough, she brewed up a batch of goldenrod tea; in no time at all, the child was breathing easy.

There was one remedy that even Granny had never tried though she had reports that it always worked miracles. It was the practice of drinking deer's blood in measured doses for heart trouble.

As Granny kept busy she felt went to the cupboard for a dose of her 'cure'. It was dandelion root that had been boiled in 1½ pints of water for aobut 20 minutes. A wineglass twice daily would do the trick.

Seeing a basket of onions in the pantry Granny was reminded of the best cure she knew for toothache. All you had to do was split an onion, roast it and bind it while hot on the wrist, over the pulse, on the opposite side from the aching tooth. A sure cure!

For "correcting the humors" and "sweetening the blood", especially in the spring of the year, drink a tonic made from the buds of the sweet apple tree infused in rum or cider. Need a bit of correcting and sweetening? Now you know what to do!

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Charlie heard his name being called and looked at his watch - - - had he really been waiting two hours? "Great day!" he thought as he got up for his 'turn' to see the doctor, "Granny would have 'dosed me up' by now and had me on the way!

NOTE: Although the story is just fiction, something I created, the 'cures' were actually used many years ago by people and according to records, they brought results. The 'cures' listed in my story came from two books from the Appomattox County Library, Nature's Healing Arts by Aikman and American Folk Medicine by Meyer.

Bluegrass & Country Music Schedule For Festival

The Appomattox Jaycees announce the music schedule for the Sixth Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival.

Saturday, September 23, 1978

1:00 - 2:30 - Travelin' Co.
2:30 - 4:00 Sandy Ridge Express
4:00 - 5:00 - Bluegrass Rebels

Sunday, September 24, 1978

1:00 - 2:30 Travelin Company
2:30 - 4:00 - Bob Honeycutt and the Piedmont Playboys

There will be all sorts of things to do and see during the Festival so don't miss out, come and enjoy!

Two Ladies Honored at Gravel Hill

Mrs. Elpsie Walker Holmes

Mrs. Flossie Walker

Homecoming services at Gravel Hill Baptist Church recently were highlighted with an appreciation service in honor of Mrs. Elpsie Walker Holmes of Passaic, New Jersey who gave a personal donation of $20,000 for the improvement of the church and $916.00 for improvement of the Walker Family Cemetery.

Out of the $20,000 the following improvements were made to the church: a central heating and air conditioning, three beautiful church windows, a microphone, a communion table and assesories, refinished four pulpit chairs and 1 table, painted the church inside and out, installed gutters, built a cement walk and installed posts on front of church, sowed and fertilized the church yard, installed carpet in main isle, pulpit, pastor's study and choir room, pulpit Bible, a new vacuum cleaner, water and pitcher set for pastor and his guests. The unused balance will be used in setting shrubbery and improving the landscaping of the yard.

A special appreciation plaque was presented to Mrs. Holmes on behalf of the Gravel Hill Church by Mrs. Virginia A. Berkley and a corsage was presented by Mrs. Madlyn Davis.

A special surprise donation of $50.00 was presented Mrs. Flossie Walker, sister of the honoree, for serving the church as Clerk for over forty years.

The pastor of the church, Rev. James Miller, delivered the special sermon of appreciation and Homecoming.

The afternoon service was rendered by the Rev. Charles Lewis and his choir.

CLASSIFIED GET RESULTS

Church Sponsors Tour

Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church sponsored a tour to Smoky Mountains on Labor Day week end. Mrs. Lewis Edward Moore was hostess of the tour. Those taking the tour with George Campbell, bus driver were: Mrs. George Campbell and daughter, Cheryl, Lynchburg, Mrs. Elizabeth Kern, Alexandria; Mrs. Elizabeth C. Covington; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Doss, Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Hunter, Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bowman; Mrs. Frances Brown, Leasby, Md.; Mrs. Alice Hunter, Lynchburg; Mrs. Elizabeth Marsh, Mrs. Eva Marsh, Mrs. Katherine Moore, Mrs. W. Clarke Moore, Mrs. Virginia M. Hunter, Mrs. Sue Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Megginson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Page, Mrs. Alton Moore, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pankey, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Tsoleas, Miss Mary Anne Wheeler, Mrs. Ethel Martin, Mrs. Aubrey Moore, Mrs. Claudie Moore, Mrs. Mable Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Edward Moore, and Mrs. Marshall Hunter.

The trip included a ride on Tweetsie Railroad at Blowing Rock, sightseeing in Smoky Mts., visit to Indian Reservation and museum of the Cherokee and trip to Clingman's Dome at Gatlenburg. We visited the Christus Gardens which was the highlight of our trip. Tommy Bartlett's water skiing show at Gatlinburg was another attraction which was enjoyed by the group. Great was the fellowship and fun enjoyed by all.

PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU

Monday, September 18
Bologna sandwich, Macaroni and cheese, Mixed greens, fruit and milk

Tuesday, September 19
Barbecue on Bun, Cheese Sq., Green Peas, Applesauce, Milk, Lettuce Cookie

Wednesday, September 20
Beefaroni, Tossed Salad, Baked Apples, Roll, Butter, Milk, Pudding

Thursday, September 21
Hamburger on Bun, String Beans, Potato Chips, Fruit, Milk.

Friday, September 22
Tuna Sandwich, Slaw, Baked Beans, Ice Cream, Milk, Roll, Butter

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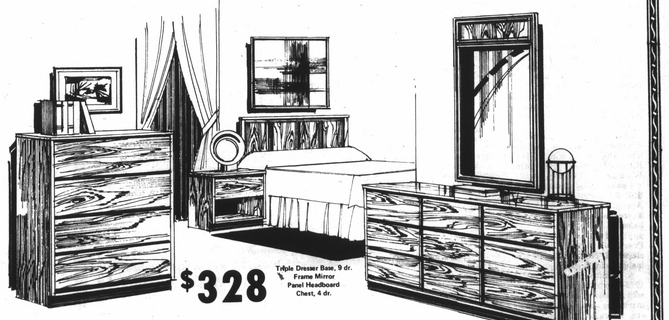

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Wednesday, September 13

School children will be given free admission in the afternoon. Special low prices on rides in the afternoon from noon to 6 p.m. Junior Revue at 4 p.m. in the Arena. Gate prize a bicycle. Drawing at 6:00 p.m.

FIREWORKS at 8:00 p.m.

SPECIAL FEATURES ARE: Tractor driving contest at 1:00 o'clock. Baked Products and Flower Show for 4-H, FHA and other Students. Senior Dress Review at 4 p.m. in the Arena. Swine Show Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. Dairy cattle judging at 7:30 p.m. in the Arena.

Thursday, September 14

Adult Flower Show and Baked Products for Homemakers.

BEAUTY CONTESTS — "Junior Miss" contest at 8:00 p.m. in the Arena, followed by the "Miss Five County Fair" contest at 8:30 p.m. Dr. and Mrs. Ray A. Moore, chairmen.

Friday, September 15

RAIN DROPS — SHOW in Varner Building at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 16

Homecoming — Closing night. Everything will be in full swing. Junior Talent Show at 8:00 p.m. followed by Adult Talent Show, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wells in charge. All your friends will be present..